

DISCIPLESHIP TODAY

A *Discipleship Center* Publication – February 2017



THIS MONTH'S FOCUS – Prayer For Others

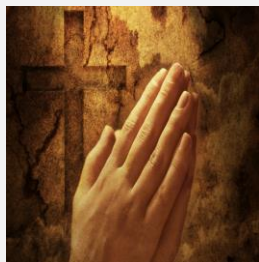
And So the Story Goes....

Eighteen-year-old Hudson Taylor wandered into his father's library and read a gospel tract. He couldn't shake off its message. Finally, falling to his knees, he accepted Christ as his Savior. Later, his mother, who had been away, returned home. When Hudson told her the good news, she said, "I already know. Ten days ago, the very date on which you told me you read that tract, I spent the entire afternoon in prayer for you until the Lord assured me that my wayward son had been brought back into the fold." – *Daily Bread*, July 1989

They Said It:

"It is possible to move men through God by prayer alone."

– J. Oswald Sanders



"I have been benefitted by praying for others; for by making an errand to God for them I have gotten something for myself." – *Samuel Rutherford*

"To make intercession for men is the most powerful and practical way in which we can express our love for them." – *John Calvin*

"There is nothing that makes us love a man so much as praying for him." – *William Law*

"And why should the good of anyone depend on the prayer of another? I can only answer with the return question: 'Why should my love be powerless to help another?'" – *George MacDonald*

"A Christian fellowship lives and exists by the intercession of its members for one another, or it collapses." – *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Readings From The Scriptures:

Day 1 – Numbers 21:4-9

Day 2 – II Kings 6:15-17

Day 3 – Ephesians 3:14-21

Day 4 – Ephesians 6:19-20

Day 5 – Acts 12:3-5

Day 6 – Colossians 4:12

Day 7 – I Timothy 2:1-2

Try This Memory Verse:

"With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." (*Ephesians 6:18b*)

We Would Appreciate Your Prayers....

....For the **Discipleship Center Reception** that will take place on March 11 at Coshocton (OH) Church of the Nazarene.

....For **Discipleship Day 2017**, that will take place on April 1 at Auburn (NY) Church of the Nazarene.

....For **God's guidance and blessing for The Discipleship Center** as we teach, share discipleship resources, put together discipleship writings, and seek open doors of ministry.



NEWS & NOTES:

- We invite our friends in Ohio to join us for the **Discipleship Center Reception** that will take place at the **Coshocton (OH) Church of the Nazarene** on **Saturday, March 11**. Come anytime between **9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** for refreshments, discipleship resources, and some time with the Darlings. Pastor Ed will share a Discipleship Center update at 10:30 a.m.
- We invite our friends in upstate New York to join us for **Discipleship Day 2017** that will take place at the **Auburn (NY) Church of the Nazarene** on **Saturday, April 1**. So far, we have scheduled **workshops** on topics such as *Christian relationships, helps for Christian men, parenting teens, sharing Christ with family and friends, and a Bible presentation method called "Tell The Story."* The event begins at **9:30 a.m.** Cost is only \$7 per person (includes a light lunch). Contact Pastor Ed at edarlin1@gmail.com or 315-256-6548 by March 30 to register.
- Stop by our website (www.discipleshipcenter.org) for **Discipleship Nuggets** (devotionals on discipleship topics), upcoming activities, and other helps. At your request **Discipleship Nuggets** can be sent to your email twice a week.



For your prayers, donations, and encouragement.

For workshop information, or to become a sponsor of TDC, please see our website at www.discipleshipcenter.org or you may contact us at: **Ed Darling**, Founding Director, 3356 E. Genesee Street Road, Auburn, NY 13021; edarlin1@gmail.com // dcentercny60@gmail.com // (315) 256-6548.

Twenty Things To Do Before Heaven

R N P Q V N A O X Y H F W S O F X M V S
U E K N F H D F G W A F O E C U J Q S I
L D T M G M O O U O L A O H U R N E P W
Z I Y H L I L Z X P O O R R Z K N V R F
Y W S W G O F T Q J Z I T W G D B Q Q Z
Q J K B N U A T J O S Z H H N I K T D J
J N C H Z L A R P T D M J I Y Z V L I A
G M C S E J Z L M C P W K P R A Y E L C
U E Y N C P F A A G W D J Y K T C C D J
T G T R M H S N E P E E D Y R O Z D M I
C O M M U N I T Y V O O E Z I R O M E M
C M N L F B E J A E U L Q E T F B W Z R
H L M P I C O S T R G O O P I R D R T N
I O P E C J D S Y B P G K G N N V E R Q
G J O U R N A L S A A A T E I L V T V K
O F P O C N O H L L C J J N R Z C S L J
S M S X G D A J Y I I C M W A Y E I F D
P A J P P E O C A Z H B I K F L P N B H
E P L R I G Q B O E K R S L N M P I B N
L G L X A Q V M F L M K D C R X S M J E

Something to Think About ...

From www.godvine.com a good article entitled "The Ultimate Christian Bucket List: 20 Things to do Before Heaven" by Dr. Joe McKeever. (Words below in *italics* are what you are looking for in the word search.)

20. Win someone to Jesus (*Gospel*, for the purpose of this puzzle.)
19. *Memorize* an entire chapter of the Bible.
18. Learn to *pray* better.
17. Become a person of good humor and frequent *laughter*.
16. Volunteer in your *community*.
15. Is there anyone in your past that you need to *apologize* to?
14. Find your spiritual *gift*(s) and put it to use.
13. Develop some latent *talent* - such as for music or art.
12. Tell everyone you love that you love them. (*Verbalize*, for the purpose of this puzzle.)
11. Visit a nursing home and *minister* to patients who rarely have visitors.
10. *Plant* some flowers or even a tree.
9. Give a needy child the *Christmas* of his/her life.
8. Make sure all within your "sneeze *halo*" are saved (immediate family, co-workers, next door neighbors.)
7. Do a random act of *kindness*.
6. Keep a *journal* for a year of your life.
5. Master one of the new techni-gadgets. (*Technology*, for this puzzle.)
4. *Widen* yourself (not physically....but in awareness of your world).
3. *Deepen* yourself (pick a topic; grow in Christ).
2. *Forgive* someone.
1. Get *saved* (ready for heaven; active relationship with God).